

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the allowance of claim 31. Claim 1 has been cancelled, and its dependent claims now depend from allowed claim 31. In addition, independent claims 27 and 30 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 10. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments place this case in condition for allowance, and that a further response to the outstanding rejections is unnecessary.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicant's attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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